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## REQUEST

The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

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<b>Box No. I TITLE OF INVENTION</b> Method for operating a membrane electrochemical generator
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#### Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM

The priority of the following earlier application(s) is hereby claimed:

Number of earlier application (day/month/year)	Number of earlier application	Where earlier application is:		
		national application - country or Member of WTO	regional application*: regional Office	international application: receiving Office
item (1)  (01.04.2003)	12345678900011	Germany		
item (2)				

Further priority claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box.

The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) (only if the earlier application was filed with the Office which for the purposes of this international application is the receiving Office) identified above as:

- all items
- item (1)
- item (2)
- item (3)
- other, see Supplemental Box

\* Where the earlier application is an ARIPO application, indicate at least one country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or one Member of the World Trade Organization for which that earlier application was filed (Rule 4.10(b)(ii)): .....

#### Box No. VII INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA) (if two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the Authority chosen; the two-letter code may be used):

ISA /

Request to use results of earlier search; reference to that search (if an earlier search has been carried out by or requested from the International Searching Authority):

Date (day/month/year) Number Country (or regional Office)

#### Box No. VIII DECLARATIONS

The following declarations are contained in Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v) (mark the applicable check-boxes below and indicate in the right column the number of each type of declaration):

Number of declarations

<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (i)	Declaration as to the identity of the inventor	:
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (ii)	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent	:
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (iii)	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application	:
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (iv)	Declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)	:
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (v)	Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty	:

Sheet No. 3

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Sheet No. 5

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This international application contains:	
(a) in paper form, the following number of sheets	
Request (including declaration sheets)	: 5
description (excluding sequence listings and/or tables related thereto)	: 13
claims	: 2
abstract	: 1
drawings	: 6
Sub-total number of sheets	: 27
sequence listings	:
tables related thereto	:
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Total number of sheets	: 27
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3. <input type="checkbox"/> original general power of attorney		
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6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> priority document(s) identified in Box No. VI as item(s):		: 1
7. <input type="checkbox"/> translation of international application into (language):		
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Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract:

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Language of filing of the international application: english

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Munich, March 31, 2004

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